

Statement of Yves Champt From the Sentencing Hearing of Terry Neff

Your Honor,

I am here today to speak for my daughter Isabelle and us her family.

I hope that I can properly convey to you what we feel and how this has devastated our family unit. It is difficult for me to explain to what level this has affected all of us. It has changed our lives for ever. A life that we try so very hard, to make the very best and safest for our children but in this case for Isabelle.

When Isabelle was diagnosed, it was very hard; we were so young and didn't have much support. It was basically the two of us and a lot to learn. We wanted to primarily take good care of our children, learn how to take care of Isabelle, make sure she had all she needed, provide a good home and try to enjoy life. Giving up or feeling sorry for myself never enter my mind. There was a task to be done and I was going to do it.

We dedicated our lives to provide proper care for Isabelle. What has happened to her has jeopardized all of what we set out to do. It has affected all of us very deeply.

What we have here your honor is a cancer, a predator disguised so that no one could see who he really is. The convicted felon has planned, targeted and executed a mission. The mission was to sexually molest children, not just any children your honor, but the ones that are helpless, the ones that cannot speak or defend themselves, the one that do not know how to hate or seek revenge, the very young at heart and sole. Severely handicapped children and in this case our daughter Isabelle.

To achieve his goal, this time, he went to work in the best possible place where he would have the most choice, where conditions would be most favorable, a special ed school. From there he had total control. He could further his list of contact, as he did with us, under the very safe umbrella of the school system. He could now virtually operate incognito. Through the very painful course of our case, we also learn that he had been a pedophile for a long time and had hurt others.

I ask you, your honor, to picture perhaps your own child when he or she was 18 months old and then look what we now know happen to Isabelle and imagine that was to happen to your own child. That is reality; it happened to us, this is the kind of person we are dealing with today. Mr. Neff is, your honor, is a cancer that poisons our society and everything that we stand for. He does not belong in our town, in our state or in this country among us. He needs to be incarcerated with his own kind. We now know that people like that don't get better with time they get worse.

I would like Neff to know that I will dedicate the rest of my life to make sure that everyone knows what he did. I will be two steps ahead of his life always knowing where he is. Any possible hearing that comes up, I will be present to explain in detail what he has done and how he has devastated our family as well as our school and a lot of good people. I am now his worst nightmare. I want him to picture me as a pit bull, the one that never lets go or the terminator the one that always comes back.

The time just before he dies, I would like him to see my face and know that it's not over. I will be testifying in front of god as to what he has done and pleading for justice just as we are today.

Finally if I may, I would like to say thank you. We are very grateful and moved by all our friends starting with Brian Donnelly and the DNR officers, the detectives, the Sheriff Dept. Deputies, The prosecutor office staff, and the people that were present for us during the trial, all which have gone out of there ways to see that justice would prevail.

One more thing your honor, I ask you to give that sitting over there the maximum punishment allowable because he disserves that and more.